

Atty.-Gen. Kelley Blasts Oil Firms' Spiraling Profits

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The state attorney general blasted oil company profit margins Thursday, while a marketing expert for one producer doing business in Michigan attempted to justify his own firm's growing profitability.

The major oil companies continue to enjoy spiraling profits in the midst of a fuel crisis, Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley told a joint legislative committee probing who and what is causing the gasoline shortage.

Sam Van Sickle, regional vice president of the Standard Oil division of Amoco Oil Co. said the producer anticipates second quarter returns of 11 per cent on investment.

The rate of return has been 910 per cent the past few years, Van Sickle said, attributing the increase to the fact that "demand is soaking up all the available product."

Van Sickle was asked if Amoco plans any kind of profit-sharing program with its some 1,500 gasoline service station operators around the state. He replied he knew of none.

What does Amoco plan to do now that another major producer, Gulf Oil Co., is leaving the state?

"Nothing, we're just trying to take care of our own people," Van Sickle said.

Cause of the gasoline shortage? Van Sickle was quick to blame the federal government's refusal to provide proper tax incentives for new oil exploration.

He also said there would be no shortage if demand remained at previous year's levels.

"We're providing the same amounts we did last year; demand has jumped 10 per cent," said the marketing executive.

"In the midst of this crisis, the major oil companies continue to enjoy spiraling profits," Kelley complained.

Kelley said that Exxon, the largest oil company in the United States, experienced a 43 per cent increase in profits during the first quarter this year compared to the same time span last year.

"These profits were gained during a time of price controls, spiraling inflation, and disappointed gas purchasers, when

many businesses were forced to close or limit their activities because of fuel shortages," Kelley said.

The fuel shortage has hit even state government. Of the 151 companies invited to bid on fuel provisions for the state, only four did so. Most said the gasoline shortage was the reason.

Standard Oil, the state's exclusive gasoline supplier in the past fiscal year with 9.6 million gallons, bid on only two million gallons for this fiscal year, Kelley said.

On top of that, he added, the prices quoted represented increases of nearly 40 per cent over last year.

Rep. William Fitzgerald, D-Detroit, head of the 10-man joint House-Senate committee, said hearings would be resumed next month.

Government Disputes Beef Shortage Claims

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The government and beef industry have locked horns over the question of whether beef shortages predicted by the industry will become a reality.

Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz and Chairman Herbert

Stein of the Council of Economic Advisers say talk of shortages is exaggerated and the price ceilings on beef will remain through Sept. 12 as planned.

But some meat dealers around the country have warned of drastic shortages, perhaps

within days.

At a news conference Thursday in Washington, Shultz said the government has been keeping daily track of the beef supply and found the meat industry is overstating its problems.

Stein said at another briefing

that there is "a tendency to whomp up an appearance of crisis; certain people benefit from that."

Prices on beef remain frozen under Phase 4 guidelines announced by President Nixon last week. The freeze on other meat and foodstuffs was lifted.

Beef industry officials have been predicting serious shortages since Phase 4 began. Some have suggested dealers may turn to the black market for beef.

Colorado cattle growers were asked Thursday to withhold beef from the market until the President's ceiling on beef prices is lifted.

"There is no economical sense in doing anything but holding back with the market as it is today," said Dean Kittel, administrative officer of the Colorado Farm Bureau.

Also on Thursday, Swift Fresh Meats Co. of Chicago announced the closing of two of its seven packing plants because of "the abnormal marketing of cattle since the beginnings of Phase 4."

The American Meat Institute in Chicago described the beef industry as fraught with "chaos and disruptions." Meanwhile, representatives of nearly 60 meat purveying and supply companies, meeting in New York, agreed to fight the beef price ceiling by seeking a court injunction.

As administration spokesmen charged exaggeration, wholesalers and supermarket officials contacted by The Associated Press Thursday said beef supplies were tight and could dry up to practically nothing.

Herrell De Graff, president of the American Meat Institute, said he still hopes a meeting he requested Wednesday with White House officials might be set.

"We cannot understand how the administration can be unaware of the threat of serious shortages of beef which affect consumers in the next several weeks," De Graff said in a statement. He said there is "chaos and disruptions occurring in all segments of the cattle and beef industry."

The New York group responded by pledging \$22,000 to fight legal battles against the ceiling.

"At this stage of the game, I don't think letters, telegrams,

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DEFENDS FATHER'S DECISION: Julie Nixon Eisenhower gestures as she talks with news media representatives Thursday in Atlanta. She appeared at a Henry Grady Memorial Hospital buffet honoring health care volunteers. The President's

daughter said she expects the courts to uphold her father's decision not to turn over tapes to the senate Watergate Committee. See Watergate story on page 17. (AP Wirephoto)

Senator's Wife Can Keep Her State Job

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — State Civil Service Director Sidney Singer says he doubts he will appeal a civil service examiner's ruling that Rhea Lodge, wife of State Sen. Harvey Lodge, R-Waterford, can keep her \$12,900-a-year state Labor Department job.

"Off hand, it is my own impression there is no basis for appeal. But I will consult with other civil service officials to make sure," Singer said Thursday.

The decision by civil service examiner Arthur Neef criticized the Civil Service Department for bureaucratic bungling that led to the hiring of Mrs. Lodge four months ago.

Neef also ordered the Civil Service Department to pay two months back wages amounting to about \$2,000 to Jay Maher Lillis, who was entitled to first claim on the job taken by Mrs. Lodge.

Neef said it was fortunate that Lillis backed off his demand that Mrs. Lodge be dismissed.

Singer commented that \$2,000 is a high price to pay for a mistake "but if equity calls for paying it, we have to pay it."

"From the record, I gather that our people were negligent. Anytime that any of our people are responsible for causing an inequity or unfairness, our people are admonished. If procedures are involved, they are sharpened up."

Neef said the Civil Service Department

failed to process promptly a number of documents that would have shown Lillis was in line for the job.

The hiring of Mrs. Lodge last March 11 as a Labor Department public information specialist created a stir because she bypassed normal civil service testing procedures. She was examined only on the basis of her job resume and did not undergo the oral examination normally given to thousands of other state employees.



MRS. RHEA LODGE
Senator's wife keeps job

Lillis, 41, who was laid off a similar job in the governor's office Jan. 31, filed a complaint that he should have had prior claim on the job awarded to Mrs. Lodge. Civil service rules state that laid off employees go to the top of the list for similar job openings elsewhere in state government.

Mrs. Lodge and Labor Department Director Barry Brown appealed to Neef from a decision May 24 by another examiner that Mrs. Lodge would have to vacate her job in 30 days because it should have been offered to Lillis first. She remained on the job pending Neef's decision.

In his ruling Thursday, Neef said Lillis has rejected a proposal that the job be vacated so his name could be submitted for the appointment.

"This is an effective waiver of his rights to be considered for this position. This leaves only the question of his claim to back salary," Neef said.

Neef also said an "extra effort" should be made to help Lillis find employment in state government in accordance with standard procedure.

Lillis was employed in the executive office as a public information specialist from July 1972, until Jan. 31, when he was laid off because of a "reduction in force." He has been unemployed since that time.

Spacemen Anxious To Begin Epic Trip

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — Anxious to get started, Skylab 2's astronauts made final preparations today for their record 59-day space voyage.

Alan L. Bean, Dr. Owen K. Garriott and Jack R. Lousma scheduled a flight plan review, but generally they were to relax for the long mission set to start at 7:11 a.m. EDT Saturday.

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They'll retire early tonight and awaken at 2 a.m. EDT for a final physical exam and to suit up for the trip into orbit aboard a Saturn IB rocket.

The countdown continued on schedule with no problems reported.

"We're all anxious to get up there and put out 100 per cent," said Bean, an Apollo 12 moon walk veteran who will command the second mission to America's first space station.

The astronauts flew here Thursday after concluding their training at the Johnson Space Center near Houston, Tex.

The Saturn IB is to push the astronauts and their Apollo ferry ship into an initial orbit ranging from about 100 to 200 miles above the earth.

With Bean at the controls, the spacemen will execute a series of six engine firing maneuvers that will enable them to catch and hook up with the orbiting Skylab laboratory 270 miles high after an 8½-hour pursuit.

Shortly after docking, they'll open a connecting tunnel and

inspect the station. It has been unmanned since Skylab 1 astronauts Charles Conrad Jr., Dr. Joseph P. Kerwin and Paul J. Weitz left it June 22 after a 28-day mission.

"We know Pete, Joe and Paul left the spacecraft in good shape," Bean said Thursday. "We're going up there and live rent free for two months. And we'll leave it in good shape for Jerry Carr, Bill Pogue and Ed Gibson."

He referred to the Skylab 3 crew scheduled to rocket up to the laboratory for another marathon flight in October or November.

After two days of laboratory activation, the Bean crew will settle down to a routine of conducting medical, earth resources, solar astronomy, materials processing and other experiments.

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Jury Believes Him Boy, 5, Is Key Witness

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

The key prosecutor's witness in a breaking and entering trial this week sat a little lower and testified in a smaller voice than

usual in Berrien circuit court.

For he was only 5. Greg Norwood, 18, of 375 North Winans street, Benton Harbor, was accused of breaking and entering the occupied Gwendolyn Booth apartment at 367 North Stevens street, Benton Harbor, last May 23.

Anthony Booth, 5, testified he was in a bedroom with a television set turned on when Norwood entered through a window, took the set and left.

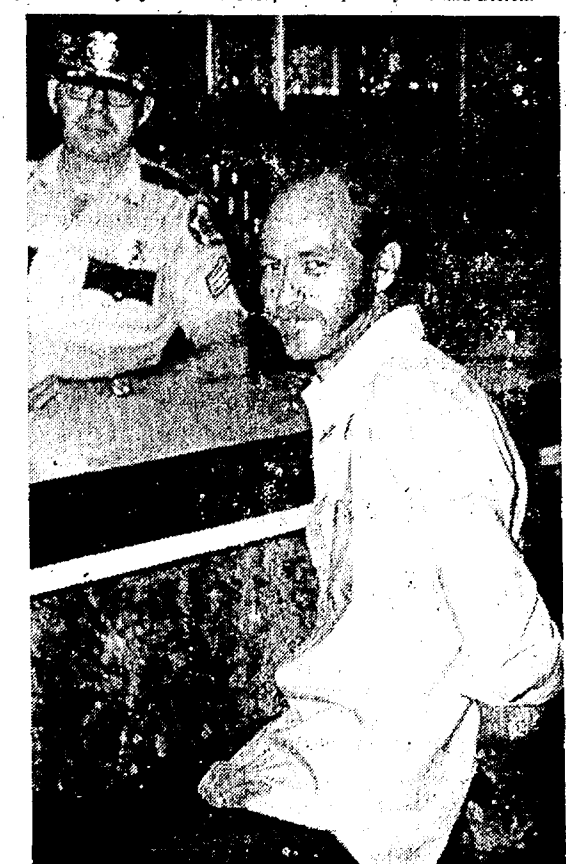
Norwood testified, with corroboration, that he was home in bed at the time.

Jurors spent about two hours deliberating Thursday, then convicted Norwood on the lesser felony of entering without breaking with intent to steal.

Norwood was returned to jail by Judge Chester J. Byrns pending sentence of up to 5 years. He's serving a 30-day sentence set July 10 for failing to appear for trial that day.

Young Anthony is believed to be the youngest criminal case witness in Berrien circuit court

in recent years. The prosecutor's case was presented by Quentin Fulcher, chief of the trial division. The defense was presented by St. Joseph Atty. Donald Bleich.



AFTER HOURS: A man was arrested inside the Jokers club, M-139, Benton township, by Benton township police early this morning. Police said man identified as James Arthur (right), 33 of 1219 Summer street, Benton township, was found hiding under bar when officers entered club at 4 a.m. Club had closed at 12:30 a.m. Sgt. Charles Brooks, left, Benton township police, said glass in front door was broken and door was open. Suspect was charged with breaking and entering. Police said only \$15 was taken in break-in, while suspect had \$127 of his own money in his possession. (Staff photo)

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Editorial Page

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Striking LMC Teachers Clear First Recall Election Hurdle

As this is written, the Lake Michigan College board is mulling whether to proceed with an election to recall its president, Atty. Robert P. Small, from office, or to appeal Judge Chester J. Byrns' decision that the issue should be put up for a special election.

Judge Byrns ruled Wednesday that whatever defects may be found in the petitions bearing some 16,000 signatures for the recall election this should not prevent the public from deciding whether Small should stay on the job or be ousted.

In brushing aside the defects as technical miscues rather than fatal errors, Byrns follows the normal judicial approach to ballot box arguments, at least those centering upon who should or should not hold an elective office.

Unless it can be shown that outright fraud permeated the preliminary procedure to get a candidate on the ballot or, in the LMC situation, a referendum on an officeholder staying on or moving out, the courts take a lenient view toward inadvertent handling of the procedure.

The judiciary looks upon an improper notarization of a petition as something less than forging signatures, voting the folks out in the cemetery, "losing" ballots and other dikes designed to steal an election.

In effect, Judge Byrns is saying the Berrien county resident should decide whether Small or the LMC teachers union, who want him out of the way because he beat off their ears in the collective bargaining process, is better suited to run the school.

The ballot box not the court room, in the judicial appraisal, is the place to decide if a recall maneuver is on the up and up, or a case of sour grapes.

Byrns' attitude is the same as one taken here 25 years ago when the late Webster Sterling sought to unseat Malcolm Hatfield, also now deceased, from the probate court.

Enough of Hatfield's nominating petitions failed to meet the statutory standards so as to make them defective on their face.

Some of Sterling's supporters went to court seeking to prevent Hatfield's name being put on the ballot.

The circuit judge hearing the case ruled these apparent disqualifications were only minor derelictions and too insubstantial to prevent the voters from expressing a choice between the candidates.

While the courts follow a lenient line on personality contests they incline to strengthen technical defects where the governmental structure itself is at stake.

In the early 1960s the St. Joseph city hall spotted a chance to annex some desirable acreage from its hostile neighbor, St. Joseph township.

One couple who owned and occupied the ground petitioned for an annexation election.

Unfortunately for city hall its agents obtained the petition in a backward manner.

The court ruled this to be a fatal defect, that the law must be followed to the letter whenever a change is sought in government boundary lines.

Still hanging fire is a statewide petition for an election to cancel the two-cent increase in the gasoline tax voted last year by the legislature as part of a package to produce more highway construction money and to rescue Detroit's faltering public transportation system.

To date Lansing has stalled the election by favorable rulings from the circuit court and the appeals that the tax increase is an appropriation measure which the Michigan constitution says can not be subject to a public referendum.

If the state supreme court sustains this tortured definition of what is a tax and what is an appropriation bill, that's it.

Again, the courts are going to great lengths, actually running out of room, to hold off any inroad against the establishment itself.

The theorizing is inconsistent.

It is a judicial rationalization that tinkering with the governmental structure can be more serious than a decision on who should run the operation.

It amounts to saying if a structure's foundation is solid it matters little how the upstairs rooms are decorated.

T. Lawrence Jones, with notable understatement.

Actually, you'd be better off storing dynamite, if you must tempt fate. Pound for pound, gasoline contains more energy than dynamite and is a lot touchier.

Even the gallon or two most people keep to feed the lawn mower is not to be treated with contempt.

all things, ordinary boric acid.

It was in 1966 that University of California entomologist Walter Ebeling found boric acid to be the cheapest roach killer and one of the most effective, while being virtually harmless to humans.

Smart as they are (and you have to be smart to endure 300 million years), cockroaches never learn to avoid boric acid.

It was not until last year, however, that the substance was used on a mass scale against the pest which, along with rats, is the bane of low-income people who cannot afford professional roach control.

Armed with squirters and boric acid, teams of volunteers with the Pasadena Community Information Center treated more than 700 homes in that city. The report is that every home where the boric acid was left "planted" remains free of roaches.

You Are Going To Feel Worse Before You Feel Better



GLANCING BACKWARDS

RAIL PERFORMANCE BY DOROTHY LAMOUR

— 1 Year Ago —

Glamour, beauty, grace and —above all— genuineness was projected Wednesday night by Dorothy Lamour as she starred in "Anything Goes," Wednesday night at the Southwest Musical Theatre in Watervliet.

Everybody loved her — from her contemporaries who have followed her career since her sarong days to the youngest in the front row. She has the same easy and effortless manner as when she led Bob Hope and Bing Crosby in a merry chase in the "Road" pictures and she is still a dark-haired beauty.

ASTRONAUT VISITS RESEARCH LABORATORIES

— 10 Years Ago —

Lieutenant Commander John W. Young, one of the nine test pilots now in training for duty as astronauts, visited Whirlpool's research laboratories and administrative center this week.

Young was part of an eight-man National Aeronautics and Space Administration team reviewing Whirlpool's work in the development of systems for food management, waste management and personal hygiene for the upcoming project Gemini, America's second step to the moon.

TAX RULING IS MADE

— 25 Years Ago —

An opinion of the attorney general declared today that a board of supervisors may fix a county tax rate below that set by the county allocation board when the lower rate, levied on equalized valuation, will raise enough money for county purposes.

The opinion was addressed to Karl F. Zick, Berrien county prosecutor, who reported that the supervisors of Berrien county adopted a county tax rate of 4.7 but that later the valuation of the taxable property in the county was increased \$22,000,000 foreshadowing a tax levy of more than the necessary amount if the 4.7 rate were retained.

LAST TO FILE

— 35 Years Ago —

Coroner Louis Kerlikowski was the last to file his nominating petition at the county clerk's office with just four minutes to spare.

DRUG STORE BANDIT

— 45 Years Ago —

Burglars robbed the Square Drug store at Main street and Niles avenue, and also broke into the Neighborhood Drug store, two blocks south. Small amounts of money were stolen.

MARINE PLANT ROBBERS

— 55 Years Ago —

Thieves have raided the store-house of the old Allmendinger marine plant along the Morrison channel, carting away rope and rubber valued at \$150.

WHITCOMB DANCE FLOOR

— 85 Years Ago —

Manager Snow is having a dancing platform 40 X 50 feet erected on the east side of the Hotel Whitcomb. It will be covered with an awning and will be a delightful place to hold evening dancing parties throughout the summer.

Tree May Have Saved 100 Lives

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A stout Sycamore tree in the path of a plummeting Ozark Air Lines turboprop may have saved at least 100 lives, a county fire marshal says.

The plane, a twin-engine Fairchild Hiller 227 with 44 persons aboard, crashed during a thunderstorm Monday night on an approach to Lambert-St. Louis Airport. Thirty-seven persons died from the crash.

St. Louis County Fire Marshal James Holdinghaus said Thursday the tree, about 28 inches thick, slowed up the plane as it careened through a wooded area toward a multi-purpose building on the campus of the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He said more than 100 persons were in the building at the time.

Senate Unit Okays Colby For CIA

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nomination of William E. Colby to be director of the Central Intelligence Agency is on its way to the full Senate.

Colby won a major victory on Thursday when the Senate Armed Services Committee approved his nomination. The voice vote was opposed only by Sen. Harold E. Hughes, D-Iowa, who said he was reserving the right to change his mind and support the confirmation on the Senate floor.

I wish all city folks could spend a few weeks on a fruit farm and see all the work involved. Maybe three weeks, in early Spring, one in Summer or harvest time and one in the winter. Yes, there is work on the farm in the winter.

There is always danger of frost in the Spring and perhaps drought in the Summer. Farmers irrigate some crops in the Spring, get up in the middle of the night and start the irrigation pumps going and keep watch of temperatures until morning. No pay for the farmer is involved there, just expense and hardwork.

Smudge pots placed in orchards and vineyards to try to keep the frost away. Again no pay but hard work for the farmer.

But all your food comes from the farmer. If you, Mrs.

Ray Cromley

Shoddy Operation Doomed Controls



WASHINGTON (NEA) — In considerable measure, price controls have failed because of shoddy operations.

The men who designed the operations spent insufficient time in preparation. Control staffs were short on men with expertise in crucial areas. Controls can't operate without quick, efficient access to data and speedy evaluation of that data.

Yet collection of detailed information on what was going on was slow and the compilation of that data slower yet. Price controllers were continually attempting to catch up with price changes.

The original thesis was that controls work more effectively if applied to a limited number of industries and the bureaucratic machinery is not overlarge. This was excellent theory. But the practice was different.

As things worked out, the staffs were too small for the job attempted. Controls should have been more limited or staffs should have been larger.

Regulations and rulings, instructions and warnings were not distributed with the speed necessary for the agricultural, business and commercial communities to cooperate effectively — and to halt wrong practices in the time required to prevent serious deviations.

A control organization works well only if there are competent men at the local working level, when these men have the authority to make a great many of the smaller decisions and

possess the judgment to make exceptions.

In too many cases it was demanded that decisions, even tiny decisions, be made at the top. These topside decisions too frequently were delayed interminably.

In part, this was because the flow of decisions channeled to the top became too great for the handling. In part, it was because in too many cases those dealing with the problems were indecisive.

As time went on these problems grew worse. By Phase III the situation was intolerable.

But the problems did not end here. The men in charge were not given the power they needed over actions by other government agencies which through ignorance, competing aims, differing objectives and personal rivalries made enforcement of controls ineffective.

There is, of course, a natural rivalry in that price controls interfere with other normal governmental objectives — the need to increase production to relieve shortages in agriculture and industry, to keep productivity moving upward vigorously, to hold our relationships with foreign nations on an even keel as our controls interfere with their trade and economic growth.

The White House Office of Management and the Budget, a number of government departments and agencies and the Congress repeatedly took actions which interfered with the effectiveness of controls.

Marianne Means

Jackson Setting Stage For '76



WASHINGTON — Sen. Henry Jackson, whose Presidential campaign got nowhere last year, is carefully laying the foundations for a second try at the Democratic nomination in 1976.

Jackson's approach is different from that of Sen. Edward Kennedy, the current frontrunner, but no less serious.

Kennedy's initial gambits in the Presidential chess game have been to embrace old enemy George Wallace and to begin organizing a nationwide campaign network.

Jackson has concentrated upon positioning himself in the Senate for maximum public visibility the next few years and strengthening the muscle of his allies within the Democratic Party structure. He has been successful at both.

After he was trounced at the Democratic National Convention last summer, Jackson sent all his delegates and workers an autographed picture. That was the beginning of his second

Presidential bid. His friends say he means to run again in 1976 even if Sen. Kennedy seems a cinch to win it. At 64, it will be his last chance.

While nobody was looking, Jackson has taken over practically every major Congressional issue.

He is the resident expert on the energy crisis, and has emerged in that role as a champion of the consumer. The Interior Committee, of which he is chairman, has been probing the nation's fuel shortage. He prodded the Federal Trade Commission into moving to break up the major oil companies, on grounds their anti-competitive practices led to the gasoline shortage. And he was floor manager for the Senate bill that finally authorized last week construction of the controversial Alaska pipeline to make additional fuel available.

Jackson is steeping himself in farm problems. As chairman of the Senate Permanent Investigating Subcommittee, he will hold hearings in the fall on the Nixon Administration's wheat deal. Even some Administration officials now concede that monumental blunders were involved in the big grain sales to Russia which upset the entire commodity market and caused higher food prices.

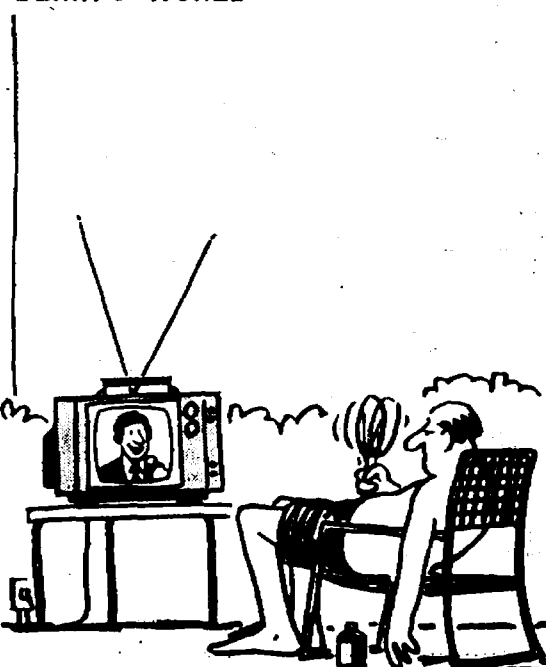
He is carving himself a piece of the Watergate action. His investigating subcommittee has launched a probe into the wide range of wiretapping by both private industry and government agencies. He will try to untangle conflicts between bugging practices and the individual's right to privacy. The probe will include a survey of White House recording habits.

Jackson's subcommittee has also been investigating White House clemency for a reputed Mafia captain who was freed from Federal prison ostensibly because of illness.

SUIT WITHDRAWN

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Members of the Dallas colony of the "Children of God" have withdrawn a \$1.1 million libel and slander suit they filed against the parents of some sect members last January.

BERRY'S WORLD



"Here it is July 27th, sports fans — football time, again..."

You Had Better Not Fill 'Er Up At Home

In case anyone has been so foolish as to consider the idea, the American Insurance Assn. has issued a warning to homeowners not to store gasoline as a hedge against inflation and/or shortages.

"Hoarding this highly flammable material in garages or other dwelling areas presents a fire loss risk that greatly exceeds any possible benefits," says association president

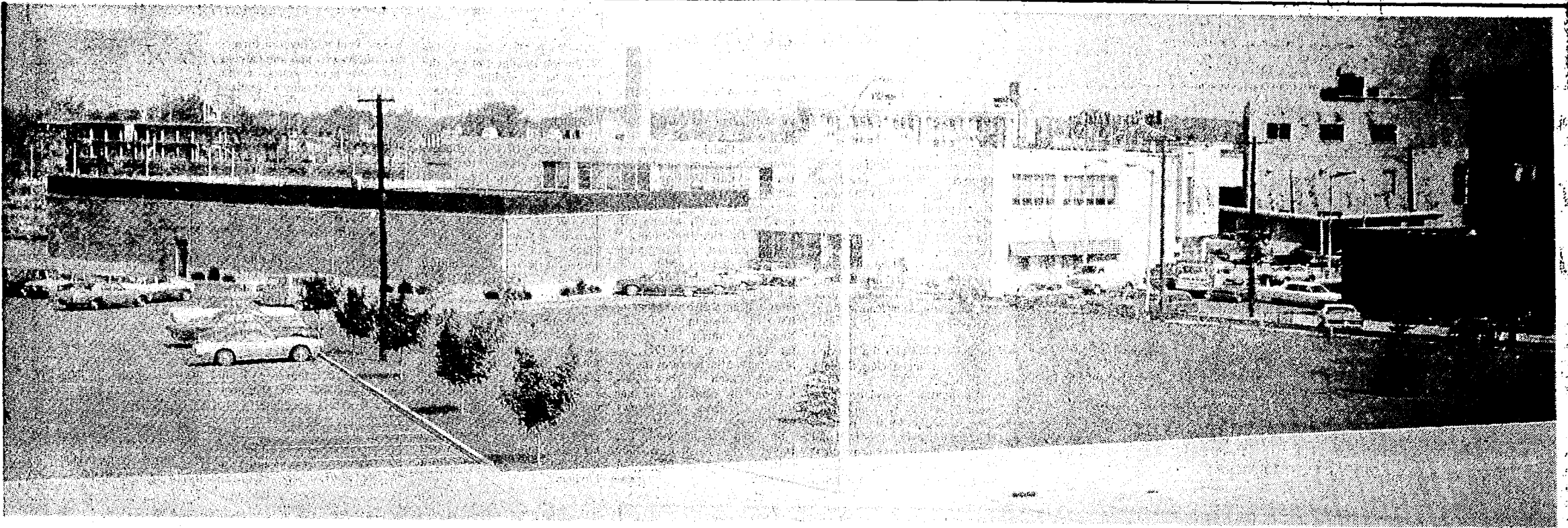
Wily Cockroach Meets His Match--Boric Acid

Man's oldest insect enemy, the wily cockroach, is meeting his match in, of

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BEAUTY TREATMENT: Recent completion of landscaping on a former plot of urban renewal land has turned the site into a beauty spot in downtown Benton Harbor, beside the new Market

street. It creates an attractive vista toward the News-Palladium building. The News-Palladium purchased the plot from urban renewal last year and turned it into a refreshing "green" spot in

the midst of downtown brick and mortar. Blue Spruce trees, red-leaved Maples and Washington Hawthorns are planted on approximately three-

quarters of acre of green turf. The YMCA building adjoins the lot at extreme right. (Color photo by Chief Photographer Charles Zindler).

Pipestone, Britain Will Be Resurfaced BH Launching \$2 Million Improvements

BY JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

The City of Benton Harbor has launched a \$2,055,000 public improvement package that will mean smoother driving, more parking and a community center.

Also on the work schedule are sewer lift stations and filling of the ship canal.

The projects are being financed in majority by federal and state funds, plus city permanent public improvement money and special assessments.

Most noticeable improvements will be manifest by autumn when Pipestone street and Britain avenue are scheduled to be resurfaced. These thoroughfares can make new cars sound like used ones.

Slated for next year is a \$500,000 community and recreation center on the edge of Hall park to be built with a State Department of Natural Resources grant from the recreational bond issue.

Street paving was almost dormant in Benton Harbor for a decade until more than \$500,000 worth was completed last year. The biggest shot was complete rebuilding of Waukonda avenue with federal Model Cities funds, but the city on its own resurfaced parts of eight streets.

The '73-74 capital outlay schedule is probably Benton Harbor's biggest since post World War II construction produced the \$2.25 million Jean Klock water plant, the southside fire station, the Britain avenue viaduct.

Benton Harbor and St. Joseph jointly built the Twin City

sewage disposal plant on Terminal island by issuing \$2 million in revenue bonds.

This was after the days of WPA and PWA of the depression era and before the time of federal-state grantsmanship of the '60s and '70s. State and federal grants paid about half the cost of a recent \$4.9 million expansion to the sewage plant and customers are to pay the rest.

City capital opened the Riverview area for commercial development in the late 1950s and early '60s. But then the purse strings tightened drastically on capital expenditures.

Benton Harbor lost millions in tax base through a county-wide property reappraisal and it took several years to recoup. By then inflation was eating up revenue and virtually every cent was going into general operation.

Federal revenue sharing will account for \$595,000 in improvements this year and next with \$385,000 earmarked for streets and \$210,000 for sanitation — two sewer lift stations, and installing storm drains in the ship canal and filling it. The sanitation work is scheduled for next year.

The revenue sharing money is from 1972 and the first half of 1973. As of July 1 this year, revenue sharing goes for day-to-day operations of city government to balance the budget and re-

place 4 mills in expired taxes.

Already completed this year is \$125,000 in paving on five streets in the Edwards park Neighborhood Development program on the northeast side. Federal funds foot 75 per cent of the bill and the rest is assessed to property owners.

Financing is similar for \$155,000 in alley paving underway in the Hall park code enforcement area.

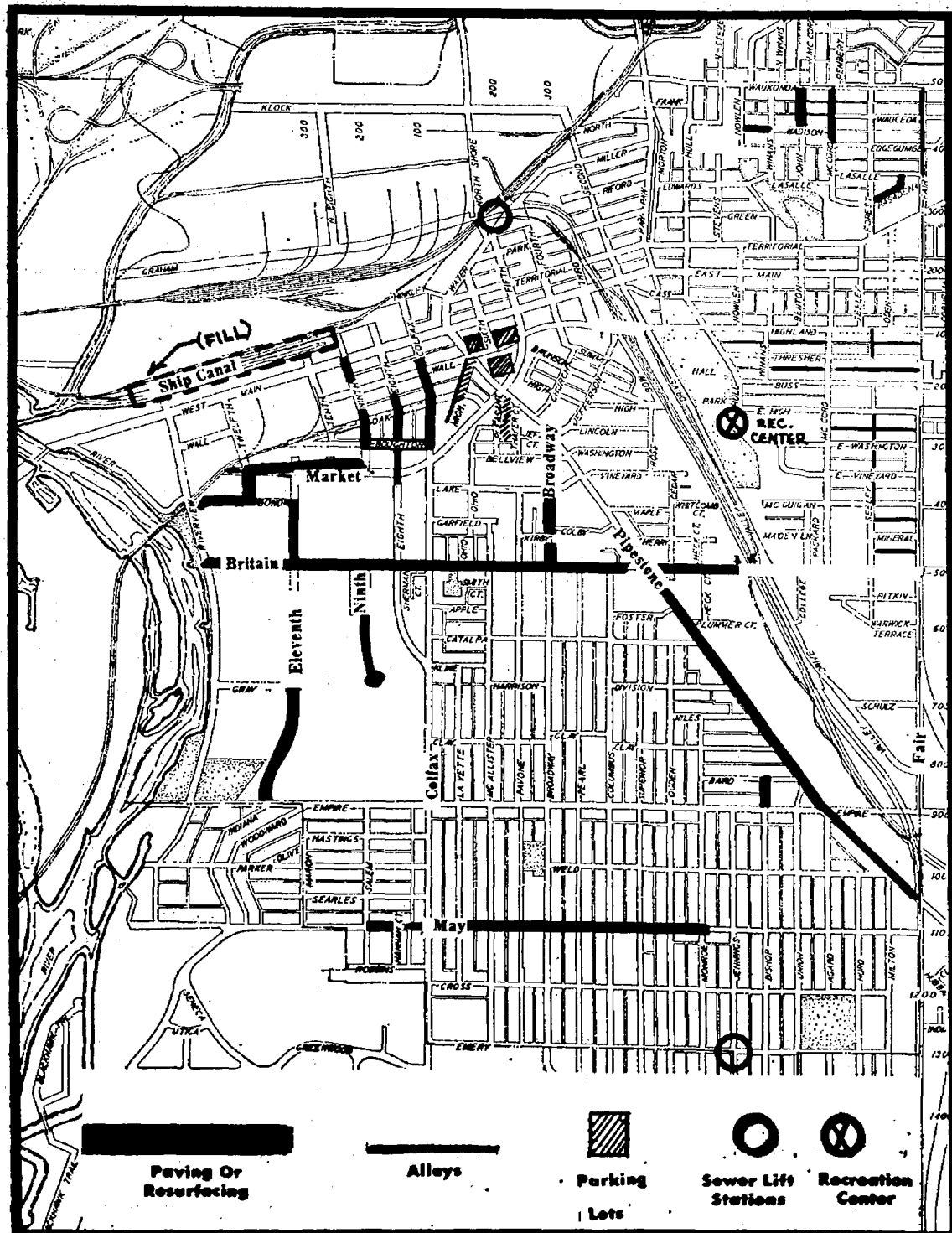
Also in progress is \$115,000 in parking lot construction downtown.

Downtown street and storm drain work will total about \$455,000. This includes paving of Market street from Ninth to 12th and several smaller other jobs. Michigan street will be resurfaced and the improved grade hopefully will end flooding in front of the YMCA.

A contract was let last month for extension of 11th street to Gray avenue, a \$179,610 job.

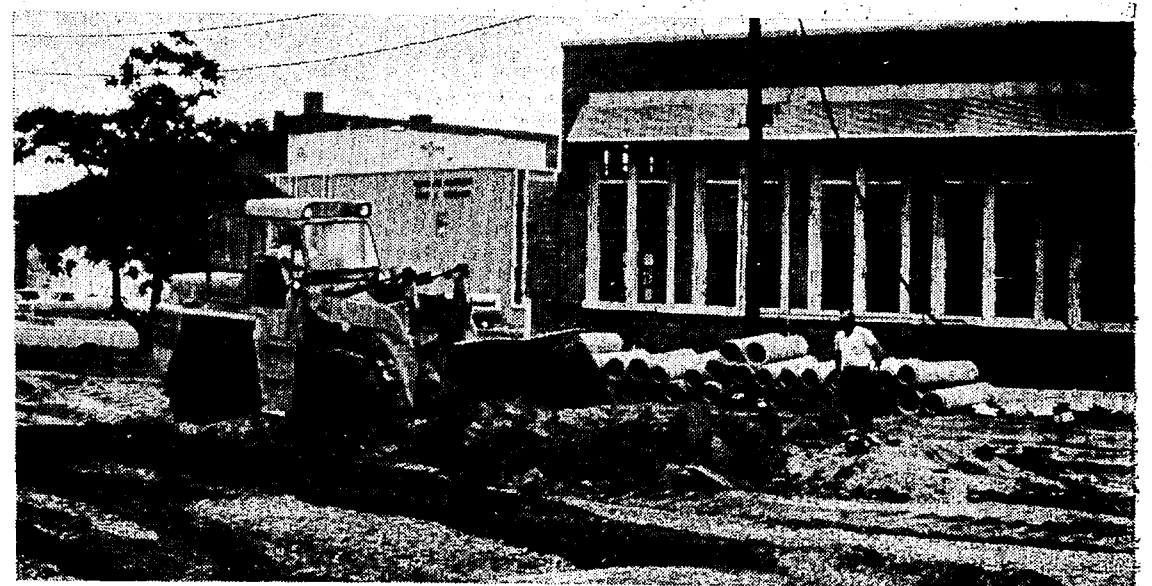
There also are several other projects on residential streets. But to motorists who drive in Benton Harbor regularly, the rebuilding of Pipestone from Britain avenue to the city limits is probably the best news.

Mercury might not jeopardize a mink stole or valuable diamond by conducting its smooth ride tests on Pipestone today.



IMPROVEMENTS ALL OVER CITY: Benton Harbor's public improvement program for 1973-74

touches all parts of city.



DOWNTOWN: New parking lot is under construction in 100 block of Pipestone street, across from

Benton Harbor city hall. (Staff photo)



ON NORTHEAST SIDE: North McCord street is one of five on northeast side of Benton Harbor paved this year under Neighborhood Development

program. Waukonda was paved last year as a Model Cities project. (Staff photo)

Sen. Zollar Releases Results Of Poll

Restoration Of Death Penalty Favored Here

State Senator Charles O. Zollar of Benton Harbor says residents of his senatorial district appear to be strongly in favor of restoring the death penalty in Michigan and firmly opposed to repealing the state's compulsory registration and licensing of handguns.

Zollar recently polled his constituents to determine their views on 13 key legislative issues. According to the Benton Harbor Republican, some 7,000 voters responded to his questionnaire. "The strongest responses," he says, "were in the law and order category."

Seventy and seven-tenths per cent of the persons who answered the senator's poll indicated their support of a proposal to reinstate the death penalty in Michigan "for certain types of crimes." Twenty-two and eight-tenths per cent opposed the proposal while 6.5% chose to be recorded as "undecided."

Seventy-three and four-tenths per cent of the respondents expressed opposition to repealing current state laws requiring compulsory registration and licensing of handguns. 19.6% favored the proposed change in the law and only 7% remained undecided.

Seventy-one and six-tenths per cent favored a suggested law which would prohibit striking workers from "gaining employment from a new employer for a brief period, leaving the new job, and then collecting Unemployment Compensation from the employer they are on strike against." Another 23.3% registered disapproval of the proposed legislation and 5.1% indicated their indecision.

Sixty-four and three-tenths per cent of Senator Zollar's polled constituents expressed a negative reaction to making the use of seatbelts in all automobiles mandatory. However, 25.3%

approved of the idea but 10.4% declined to make a decision.

Fifty-five per cent opposed "a greater share of public education expenses being paid with state tax dollars even though a greater state control of educational programs might result."

Sixty-one and nine-tenths per cent favored legislation designed to make public the financial holdings of all elected officials in the state.

Fifty-nine and two-tenths per cent approved of a proposed mandatory minimum deposit of 10 cents on all beverage cans and bottles.

Fifty and one-tenth per cent favored raising the current fines for littering to \$400 plus a 90 day jail sentence.

Sixty-seven and three-tenths per cent felt that agricultural land should be assessed on the basis of its productive value as farmland rather than on its "market value" or potential value

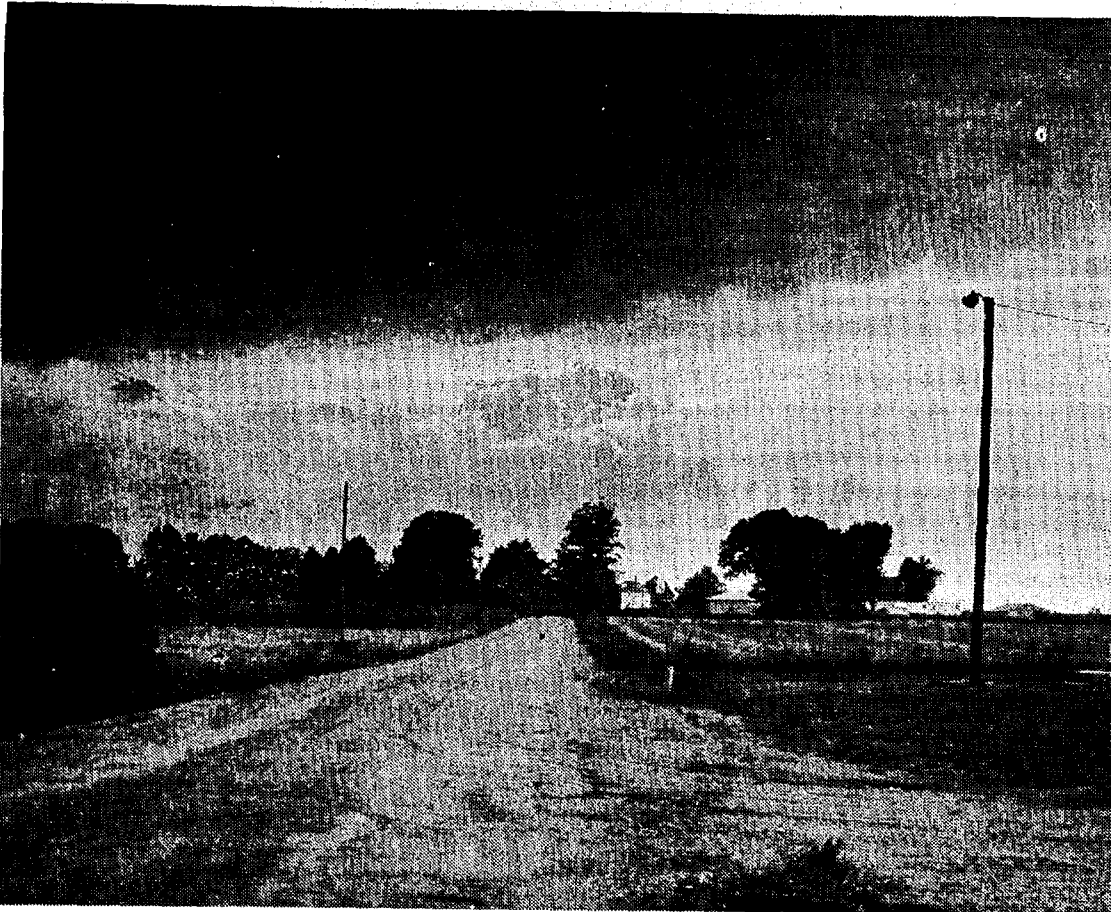
for development.

Fifty and three-tenths per cent believed that reporters who refuse to disclose the sources of their new stories ought to be exempt from prosecution. Another 12.3% were undecided, and 37.4% opposed.

Fifty and one-tenth per cent indicated disapproval of legislation to allow prosecutors to use electronic eavesdropping devices with permission from a judge; 40.8% favored such a measure.

Fifty-seven and one-tenth per cent favored mandatory teaching of the Biblical story of creation in the public schools; 36.2% were opposed.

Fifty-five per cent were against compulsory registration and licensing of all firearms, shotguns and rifles included; 40.3% favored the stricter law.



MIDSUMMER SCENE: Billowy cumulus clouds shelter sun just before they're encompassed by threatening storm clouds yesterday afternoon. View looks west on Naomi road in Pipestone

township, adjacent to Pipestone township hall. Photo was taken about 5:30 p.m. Scene looks more like a prairie state than the heart of the fruit belt. (Staff photo)

Auction Will Open Drive For Million

DOWAGIAC — Leaders of a drive to raise funds for construction of a \$1 million cultural center at Southwestern Michigan college here have set Sept. 28 as the date for an auc-

tion-dinner designed to launch the campaign.

Spokesmen for the drive said the dinner will be held in the Dowagiac armory, starting at 7 p.m. A preview of auction items is set for 5:30 p.m.

Articles to be auctioned are being sought from donors throughout the Michiana area. Tickets for the dinner-auction are to be \$50 a person with each purchaser receiving \$40 in auction script to use in bidding in the auction.

Additional information on the auction-dinner is available from the college.

The fund drive is being spearheaded by the Southwestern Michigan College foundation with approval from the college's trustee board.

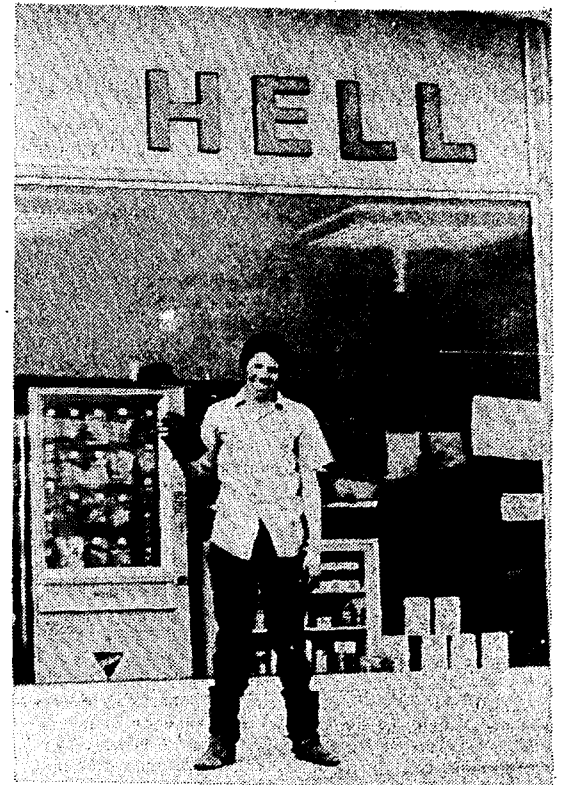
The center is to serve the Michiana area and not be just for the college, campaign spokesmen have said.

Woman, 21, Goes To Jail

A 21-year-old Benton township woman was charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants, today at 2 a.m. after an accident in which she allegedly ran into a row of hedges on Napier avenue.

Booked and lodged in the county jail was a woman identified as Sandra Meyers, of 355 Vernon road, Benton township.

Benton township police said the incident occurred in the front yard of Bob King, 1294 East Napier, Benton township. Damage to the hedge was estimated at \$100, police said.



HOTTER THAN ...: It was a hot time in the twin cities for gas station attendant David Privett Thursday after the "S" in "Shell" unexpectedly fell from its regular perch Privett is employed at Scott's Shell service, Napier at I-94 Benton township. (Staff Photo by Nick Tenerelli)

Storms Hit South Berrien Area

GALIEN — Lightning was blamed for knocking out a radio communications system at Berrien sheriff's substation here and setting fire to a gasoline pump outside the building during a brief thunderstorm about 5:30 p.m. yesterday.

The fire was discovered by a Galien volunteer fireman when he stopped at the fire station at which the substation is located.

The system was still out of use early today. Damage from the fire was confined to the above ground pump.

The same storm dumped hail in the Buchanan area but apparently was responsible for only minor damage. Several large limbs were blown down throughout southern Berrien but Indiana and Michigan Electric company personnel at Buchanan

reported no problems with service interruptions.

Area police agency agencies and county road crews also reported no problems from roads being blocked by trees or limbs. At Buchanan, rainfall from the thunderstorm and the late afternoon shower measured more than one-half inch. In Niles, rainfall was measured at one-quarter inch.

Area Quartet Eligible For Million

Eight lottery tickets purchased in southwestern Michigan have made their owners semifinalists in the state lottery bureau's fifth millionaire drawing.

The holders of the eight southwestern Michigan tickets will compete with 112 other contestants for the top \$1 million prize at the drawing Thursday at the Ionia Free fair, Ionia.

Four of the eight area tickets are held by out-of-state persons, and four are held by persons from southwestern Michigan.

The local contestants are Mrs. James (Peggy) Golliday, 30, 788 Pipestone, Benton Harbor; Theodore G. Lavedas, 56, 109 South Barton, New Buffalo; Mrs. Kenneth (Elizabeth) Evans, 58, 2328 Redfield, Niles; and Charles Anderson, 57, Edwardsburg.

Out-of-state persons with winning southwestern Michigan tickets are Edward Cooney III, Michigan City, Ind.; Samuel Yoder, Goshen, Ind.; Mrs. Helen Turro, Oak Lawn, Ill.; and Donald Mort, Lakeville, Ind.

Mrs. Turro's ticket was

purchased at Schwark's tavern, Three Oaks. The tavern is operated by James Schwark of Three Oaks, winner of \$50,000 in an earlier superdrawing, and his father.

All of the 120 contestants in the millionaire drawing will receive at least \$1,000. Seven will win \$5,000, one will take home \$50,000, one will grab \$100,000, and the winner will become a millionaire - before taxes.

Also winning from \$50 to \$5,000 will be lottery agents who

sold the lucky tickets.

This means Lavedas is guaranteed \$1,050. He runs Theo's bowling lanes in New Buffalo and and is a lottery ticket agent. The lucky ticket was one he bought from himself.

Mrs. Golliday is employed at Heath company in St. Joseph as an assembler. Her husband is a punch press operator at Whirlpool. They have four children. Their winning ticket was purchased at K-Mart.

Mrs. Evans is a stock handler

at Simplicity Pattern company in Niles. Her husband is a cook. Mrs. Evans purchased her lucky ticket at Stateline supermarket, Niles.

Anderson purchased his ticket at an Edwardsburg barbershop. He owns a well-drilling business.

Besides the ticket purchased at Schwark's tavern, the other tickets lucky for the out-of-state residents were sold at Redamak's tavern, New Buffalo; Stateline dairy, Niles; and Jimmy's tavern, Union.

'Help Us In Our Suit,' Dems Ask State GOP

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Democrats are asking the Michigan Republican party for donations to help fund their civil suit over the Watergate affair.

Startled workers at the Michigan Republican party headquarters in Lansing received a letter Thursday from National Democratic party Chairman Robert Strauss asking for help.

"Never before has the nation's need for a two-party system...been so critical...Funds with which to carry on our court action over

and above day-to-day operations are critically low. It's time for everyone who really cares about truth and justice to help if they possibly can. Please do what you can now," Strauss asked.

Jerry Roe, executive secretary of the state GOP, said he's "chuckling but not paying." "I'm for a very strong two-party system. I just hope ours keeps getting stronger. When I think of our state party's debt (about \$500,000), I think my contribution ought to stay in Michigan."

Benton Planners Listen To 'Little Man's' Complaint

The Benton township planning commission last night reaffirmed the saying that "the little man" still has a voice in governmental affairs.

One homeowner and his wife were the only persons to attend a public hearing for a request by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1137 for for a special permit to construct a clubhouse on Napier avenue east of Dewey avenue (across from Lake Michigan college).

Planners tabled the VFW request when Mr. and Mrs. Luther Burnett, of Napier avenue, objected that the proposed construction may cause more flooding problems for their house, which is located on low land.

The site where the VFW hopes to build the clubhouse is located behind the Burnett property on high ground.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Burnett noted that they already have drainage problems, and the new club could complicate the drainage situation since water from the parking lot and clubhouse itself would drain into their property.

Allen Arnt, representing the

VFW, said the club hopes to purchase about 15 acres and install a metal clubhouse and parking lot for some 200 cars.

Referring to the drainage problem, Dr. Charles Duncan, a commission member, said: "As planners, it doesn't seem to make sense to authorize any construction in an area if it is going to compound an existing problem—like drainage."

Duncan called on the VFW to furnish detailed site plans and a drainage plan, in addition to details on landscaping and a drawing of what the clubhouse will look like.

Planners decided to table the request until more checking could be done on the drainage problem.

VFW Post 1137 currently is located on Fair avenue, Benton Harbor.

SMC In No Mood To Kiss, Make Up

DOWAGIAC — The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has offered possible steps for reconciling the dispute between Southwestern Michigan college here and the association's evaluation team over the recent critical report of the college's administrative structure. But the proposed remedies have apparently only served to fan the fires that were ignited by the evaluation.

In a telegram to SMC Board Chairman Fred L. Mathews, Robert L. Clodius, chairman of the North Central's executive board, said that the disputed report is subject to extensive

review and appeals procedures before being final. Involved in the appeals procedures are a special review committee; the executive board of the commission on institutions of higher

education for the association and, subsequently, the full commission. "The executive board regrets that the institution has not availed itself of the full decision-making process of

the commission of which the on-site evaluation of the institution is only the first step," Clodius said. Mathews, in a response to the North Central official, accused the association of "attempting to hide behind the traditional structures of the North Central organization."

"It is North Central which is on trial and not Southwestern Michigan college."

SMC trustees voted on June 26 to pull out of the prestigious Midwest accrediting association in a bitter denunciation of the team's report which included allegations that the study was a political ploy.

Specifically, the college trustees charged there was political collusion between some SMC faculty members and the North Central agency in the development of the team's conclusions.

The evaluation report cited alleged poor communications among administration, faculty and students and an over-protective attitude towards faculty involvement in the decision-making process of the college.

Mathews, in his response to the telegram, said Michigan teacher unions have used the North Central accrediting agency as a tool of intimidation and negotiation against locally-elected school boards.

Enters Tax Plea

DETROIT (AP) — A former Housing and Urban Development (HUD) area broker entered a no-contest plea Thursday in federal court on a charge of income tax evasion.

Marcus Woodson, 50, president of United Mortgage Corp., entered his plea on one of three counts before U.S. Dist. Judge Phillip Pratt. He is charged with failure to file federal income tax returns for 1968, 1970 and 1971.

Woodson faces a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a \$10,000 fine.